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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS -- EAST COAST DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

REF: MANAGUA 1851 AND PREVIOUS

1. THIS IS THE SIXTH IN A SERIES OF TELEGRAMS WHICH WILL SUMMARIZE MAJOR PROJECTS IN NICARAGUA WHICH OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. FIRMS. EACH TELEGRAM WILL FOCUS ON ONE SECTOR OF THE CONOMY. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERIES, A COMPOSITE, TYPED REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO MEPD.

2. PROJECT I -- INTRACOASTAL CANAL

A. DESCRIPTION

THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF DREDGING AN INTERACOASTAL CANAL LINKING THE EAST COAST TOWNS OF BLUEFILEDS AND PUERTO CABEZAS. THE 318-KILOMETER CANAL WILL GENERALLY FOLLOW EXISTING RIVERS AND LAGOOS, AND WILL HAVE A DEPTH OF 16 FEET AND A WIDTH OF 120 FEET. THE PROJECT IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR PHASES, THE FIRST TWO OF WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED (IN ADDITION, A 10-KILOMETER CANAL OUTLET TO THE SEA HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED): PHASES I AND II BLUEFILEDS - RIO GRANDE , 123KM. PHASE III RIO GRANDE - PRINZAPOLKA,(96 KM. PHASE IV PRINZAPOLKA - PUERTO CABEXAS, 98 KM.

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B. PROJECT COST

COST OF PROJECT ESTIMATED AT US\$47 MILLION. FINANCING FOR PHASES III AND IV HAS NOT AS YET BEEN OBTAINED.

C. FOREGIN PROCUREMENT

DREDGING SERVICES, ENGINEERING SERVICES.

D. TIME OF EXECUTION

PHASE I AND II ALREADY COMPLETED. PHASE III WOULD REQUIRE APPROXI-

MATELY 2-1/2 YEARS TO COMPLETE FOLLOWING THE OBTAINING OF FINANCING;
PHASE IV WOULD REQUIRE 2 YEARS FOR CONSTRUCTION FAFTER THE COM-
PLETION OF PHASE III.

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2. PROJECT II -- RAMA-LAGUNA DE PERLAS PORT COMPLEX

A. DESCRIPTION

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A A SMALL, DEEPWATER PORT
WITH A DEPTH OF 23 FEET IN LAUGUNA DE PERLAS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF
THE RIVER PORT FACILITIES IN RAMA. SINCE THE RIO ESCONDIDO (ON
WHICH RAMA IS SITUATED) CURRENTLY HAS A DEPTH OF ONLY TWELVE FEET,
DREDGING OF THE RIVER WILL BE NECESSARY TO RENDER IT NAVIGABLE TO
SHIPS WITH MORE THAN ELEVEN-FOOT DRAFT. LARGE SHIPS WOULD DOCK IN
LAGUNA DE PERLAS AND TRANSFER THEIR FREIGHT TO BARGES FOR THE TRIP
TO RAMA. MEDIUM-SIZED SHIPS COULD PROCEED DIRECTLY TO RAMA. THE GOODS
WOULD THEN BE TRANSPORTED TO MANAGUA OR OTHER CITIES OVERLAND FROM
RAMA. THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT WOULD GIVE NICARAGUA A SECOND
MAJOR PORT; THE COUNTRY'S ONLY OTHER DEEPWATER PORT, CORINTO,
LIES ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

B. PROJECT COST

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US\$10 MILLION. FINANCING NOT AS YET OBTAINED.

C. FOREIGN PROCUREMENT

DREDGING SERVICES, ENGINEERING SERVICES, CARGO-HANDLING EQUIPMENT,
BUOYS, AND SHIPPING CONTROL EQUIPMENT.

D. TIME OF EXECUTION

UPON AVAILABILITY OF FINANCING, TWO YEARS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR COM-
PLETION OF THE PROJECT.

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